(i) Eco-tourism Policy and Guidelines have been formulated laying emphasis on preserving, retaining and enriching natural and cultural resources to ensure positive impact on environmental protection and community development. The aim is to create awareness among all stake holders involved in this activity for achieving sustainable tourism development in the country.

(ii) The scheme of Product/Infrastructure development of Destination and Circuit provides central assistance for tourism infrastructure development including assistance for eco-tourism projects.

(iii) Rural tourism as model eco-tourism product has been promoted through rural infrastructure development and capacity building of rural community.

(iv) Promotion and marketing of Eco-tourism products has been carried out in domestic and overseas market.

(c) Does not arise.

Action against LPG agencies

†*195. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the less quantity of gas being filled in LPG cylinders by LPG supplying companies as has been revealed during the raids conducted in Delhi;

(b) if so, the names of the companies whose LPG cylinders with less quantity of gas have been found; and

(c) the action being taken against such companies?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA): (a) and (b) At present four Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) namely, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) and IBP Co. Limited (IBP) are marketing domestic-LPG in the country.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

On 21.8.2006, Weights & Measures Department of Delhi Government had taken samples of 96 filled LPG cylinders from Madanpur Khadar LPG bottling plant and 63 filled LPG cylinders from Takri Kalan LPG bottling plant of IOC. Out of total 160 LPG cylinders, 1 LPG cylinder was found under weight by 190 grams at Tikri Kalan LPG bottling plant due to filling from old Mechanical Carousel. Out of three Mechanical Carousels, two have already been replaced with Electronic Carousels and one is under replacement and is expected to be completed by December 2006.

Similarly, on 22.09.2006, Weights & Measures Department of Delhi Government had taken samples of 96 filled LPG cylinders from Piyala LPG bottling plant of BPCL and 64 filled LPG cylinders from Bahadurgarh LPG bottling plant of HPCL. Out of the above 1 LPG cylinder each was found under weight by 250 grams and 585 grams at BPCL's and HPCL's bottling plant respectively due to wrong encoding of tare weights at the Electronic Carousels.

(c) Action against Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) has been taken by Weights & Measures Department of Delhi Government. The Plant Managers and the employees of the bottling plants have been sensitized/ cautioned to ensure non-recurrence of such lapses in future.

New marking system to prevent adulteration

*196. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new marking system is being started to prevent adulteration of Kerosene oil in Petrol and diesel;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the new system would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA): (a) to (c) To check adulteration in auto fuels and diversion of kerosene being provided under Public Distribution System (PDS), Government has asked Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) to introduce